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## The couple behind the German restaurant Spargel on 9

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

Spargel on 9, the German restaurant that opened last December in the former Outback Steakhouse in Queensbury, is in the midst of its first Oktoberfest celebration — but chef-owner Christian Raeth (“Räth” in German) wants you to know this is not the cuckoo-clock oompah style typical of German fare in America.

“My idea was always to give the customer a true experience as they would have walking into a restaurant in Germany,” he says.

“What I mean by that is, not Disneyland, not Epcot. You don’t run around in lederho-

**German-born chef Christian Raeth, on his purpose & path**



Owner-Chef **Christian Raeth's focus is on the food and dining experience.** His wife **Courtney's focus is the business support side.** Chronicle photos/Cathy DeDe

sen, we don’t have ‘humma-humma’ music blaring through the dining room; we don’t do the chicken dance on your birthday. Just concentrating on great service and great food.

That’s where we want to hang our wagon on....

“Our signature dishes are definitely our German classics, starting from our Sauerbraten, where we only use certified Angus beef prime.

“At one point, our red cabbage was actually trending on Yelp because so many people talked about it. It’s a very elaborate process. It doesn’t come



Sauerbraten & red cabbage

Chronicle photos/Cathy DeDe

out of the can; we do it fresh. We have to marinate it with so many different ingredients overnight, and then we cook it the next day. Then there’s our

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Work has begun on the so-called ‘Incubator’ building, shut for decades.

## How much to operate?

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Key question: What will the Market Center cost Glens Falls taxpayers once it is built?

The project has two parts:

- **The City-owned birch leaf-shaped Market Center** to house the Farmer’s Market and host other events, which is currently under construction.

- **36 Elm, the former Incubator building**, which Bonacio Construction’s Spring City Development is just beginning to renovate. The City will use the first floor in conjunction with the

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**What will it cost Glens Falls to run its Market Center?**

**Ben Miller: GF vs. private sector ▶ 20**

## School Views starts 45th year

**Editor’s note:** Welcome to our 45th year of School Views. We announced the feature in our very first issue in 1980. We thank the thousands of students and hundreds of teachers who’ve participated. This time we asked: **What are you looking forward to?**

**New brother on the way**

One thing I am looking forward to is my baby brother being born. He will be

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Warrensburg’s signature events runs Oct. 4-5-6 Details, page 10



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